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1. [REDACTED] Received a call from Joan Eigelsbach in the office of Senator Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.) who requested a personnel interview for [REDACTED] After making arrangements with the Office of Personnel I advised Ms. Eigelsbach that the interview has been scheduled for 1130 hours on Wednesday, 31 October 1973, with Mr. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] Dorothy Fosdick, Senator Jackson's Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations staff, called to say that Senator Jackson wanted her to find out what the story was on Russian observers in the Middle East. She added there have been statements on the news about this today. I called her back a short time later and on the basis of a Reuters' dispatch and information in today's bulletin, I briefed her on the thrust of Brezhnev's speech to the "World Congress of Peace-Loving Forces" in Moscow about the presence of Soviet observers in the Middle East. I told her that our information also indicated that Soviet observers were in Egypt. (I said there were somewhere between 60 and 80 and that about 20 of these were interpreters, the rest being military officers.) I went on to say that it appeared that the Soviets wanted to be in the position of complying with Sadat's request even though the United Nations has not accepted any Soviets into the UNTSCO. Fosdick thanked me for the information and said it served their purposes.

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Summary of the first part of Brezhnev's speech.

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MID EAST - URGENT\*\*\*\* BREZHNEV:

MOSCOW, OCT. 26, REUTER - SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF  
LEONID BREZHNEV SAID TODAY THE SOVIET UNION HAD SENT  
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO OBSERVE THE CEASEFIRE  
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES.

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MID EAST-BREZHNEV 2 MOSCOW:

THE KREMLIN CHIEF TOLD DELEGATES TO A "WORLD CONGRESS OF  
PEACE-LOVING FORCES" HERE THAT THE "REPRESENTATIVES" HAD  
BEEN SENT IN ANSWER TO A REQUEST FROM EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT  
ANWAR SADAT TO MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON.

"WE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL  
FOLLOW SUIT," MR. BREZHNEV DECLARED.

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MID EAST-BREZHNEV 3 MOSCOW:

THE SOVIET LEADER DID NOT SPECIFY WHETHER THE "REPRESENTATIVES"  
WERE MILITARY OR CIVILIAN AND DID NOT SAY HOW MANY OF THEM  
THERE WERE OR TO WHICH COUNTRIES THEY HAD BEEN SENT.

WHEN SADAT MADE HIS APPEAL EARLIER THIS WEEK HE  
SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET  
UNION SEND TROOPS TO POLICE THE MIDDLE EAST CEASEFIRE.

THE SOVIET UNION EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO DO THIS IN  
THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL BUT THE UNITED STATES  
SAID IT FELT THIS WAS NOT NECESSARY.

THE UNITED NATIONS YESTERDAY SET UP A MIDDLE EAST  
PEACE-KEEPING FORCE BUT EXCLUDED TROOPS FROM THE U.S., THE  
SOVIET UNION, CHINA, BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

(IN A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE  
HENRY KISSINGER DREW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN HAVING BIG POWER  
FORCES ON THE PEACE-KEEPING FORCE, WHICH THE U.S. OPPOSES,  
AND HAVING BIG-POWERS PERSONNEL OBSERVING THE TRUCE.

(KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS, "THE U.S. WILL SUPPORT AND GIVE  
ALL ASSISTANCE AND IS WILLING TO SUPPLY SOME PERSONNEL TO A  
U.N. OBSERVER FORCE WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY IS TO REPORT TO THE  
SECURITY COUNCIL ABOUT THE VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE.")

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MIDEAST - BREZHNEV 4 MOSCOW

BREZHNEV, WHO DEVOTED THE FIRST 40 MINUTES OF HIS ADDRESS TO THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS, SAID ISRAEL SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM ALL THE TERRITORIES IT OCCUPIED IN THE 1967 WAR AND ALL ARAB STATES SHOULD BE GUARANTEED INVIOABLE FRONTIERS.

THE SOVIET UNION WAS WILLING TO JOIN IN THE OFFERING OF GUARANTEES.

"AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE THINKING ABOUT OTHER MEASURES WHICH THE SITUATION DEMANDS," BREZHNEV SAID.

BREZHNEV SAID TALKS - "HISTORICAL TALKS" - SHOULD BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION FOLLOWING THE UNITED NATIONS DECISION TO SEND IN A PEACE KEEPING AND CEASEFIRE FORCE.

BREZHNEV SCARCELY REFERRED TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT AT ONE POINT HE SPOKE SCORNFULLY ABOUT CERTAIN CIRCLES IN NATO WHICH SPREAD FABRICATIONS ABOUT THE INTENTIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION IN THE MIDDLE EAST - "WHICH DOES NOT HELP".

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MIDEAST - BREZHNEV 5 MOSCOW:

BREZHNEV WAS NOT MORE EXPLICIT BUT OBSERVERS THOUGHT HE WAS REFERRING TO AMERICAN REPORTS ABOUT SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS TOWARDS THE MIDDLE EAST.

IT WAS AS FAR AS THE SOVIET LEADER WENT TOWARD DENYING THE WESTERN ALLEGATION OF SOVIET AIR TRANSPORTS.

THE SOVIET LEADER'S EMPHASIS THROUGHOUT HIS SPEECH WAS ON THE NEED FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE WITH GUARANTEES FOR ALL STATES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AREA- FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF CONFRONTATION, ESPECIALLY A NUCLEAR CONFRONTATION, AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF DETENTE.

BREZHNEV WAS APPLAUDED OFTEN DURING HIS MIDDLE STATEMENT.

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